



Special Education Programs

SPED PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Special Education teachers Needed for Science Assessment Content Review

The South Dakota Department of Education, Office of Assessment, has an opportunity for science, special education, and English learner educators to help with content and bias review for the South Dakota Science Assessment (SDSA) and the South Dakota Science Assessment-Alternate (SDSA-Alt).

Science, Special Education, and EL educators from elementary, middle, and high school are needed for content and bias review of items for the South Dakota Science Assessment (SDSA) and the South Dakota Science Assessment-Alternate (SDSA-Alt).

Application links below (Deadline Sept 27, 2019):

[SDSA-Alt: Oct. 15 and 16, AmericInn, Fort Pierre](#)

[SDSA: Oct. 17 and 18, AmericInn, Fort Pierre](#)

Start Planning Ahead for Dec. 1 Child Count

Thanksgiving is late this year and Dec. 1 falls on a Sunday. Most schools will want to complete eligibility determinations and have students receiving services by Wednesday, November 27 in order for the student to count for child count.

Please also check to make sure you are ending previous enrollment and special education records prior to starting new records.

DOE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Announcing vendor and changes to statewide assessment names

The South Dakota Department of Education is updating the names of statewide assessments in English language arts, math, and science. The goal is to create clarity and consistency, so that assessment names are not tied to vendor or consortium names (i.e. AIR, MSA, Smarter Balanced Consortium), which can change over time.

Free PD available to build your staff capacity to work with English learners

The South Dakota Department of Education has partnered with WIDA Professional Learning to offer two free extensive learning opportunities for educators over the course of the 2019-20 school year. Both opportunities are online, so there is no need for staff to travel offsite. These e-learning opportunities are for all teachers and administrators, not only teachers currently working with English learners.

Abilities Dedication
Acceptance
Inclusion Evolving
Independence Access
Special Individual Success
Unique Education
Accommodating Integration
Hope Achieve
Opportunity Challenges
Participation
Understanding

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NEXT SPED DIRECTOR CALL:

September 17, 2019 - 10am CST

Connect through Adobe Connect:

<https://taese.adobeconnect.com/sdta/>

Conference Line: 888-387-8686

Participant Code: 168 667 0301

Agenda Items:

- ♦ Project Skills
- ♦ BDI-3
- ♦ Results Driven Accountability

SPED PROGRAM FEATURE PRESENTATION

REMINDER: OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AND ADHD AWARENESS MONTH!

PLEASE VISIT the SD DOE Dyslexia page at <https://doe.sd.gov/Dyslexia> for more information on dyslexia and information you can share with teachers and parents to raise awareness about the signs of dyslexia in struggling readers.

PLEASE VISIT <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/adhd/index.html> for more information on facts, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of ADHD.

Dyslexia Trainings Available

Dr. Kari Oyen and Dr. Daniel Hajovsky from the University of South Dakota will offer day-long dyslexia trainings for district/school teams of two to four staff members. The trainers will also provide follow-up consultation on a case of suspected dyslexia in the team's district to help ensure the training transfers into effective practice.

- Oct. 11, Rapid City
- Oct. 22, Aberdeen
- Nov. 8, Sioux Falls

FEDERAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Federal Resources

Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

OSEP has designed a website to provide access to information on research to practice initiatives. The initiatives are funded through OSEP and relate to IDEA and ESSA. You will find resources, links, and other information on this website to assist you with improving outcomes for students.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

The IDEA website provides IDEA information and resources from the Department. Parents, educators and grantees will find information on special education topics, laws and policy, news and media, data reports, and much more.

Special Educator Shortages

The *Educator Shortages in Special Education Toolkit* is organized around the guiding principle that short-term strategies to meet immediate demand must be intentionally paired with long-term, systemic strategies to attract, prepare, and retain effective special education teachers to create comprehensive shortage solutions.

Supporting Administrators with Special Ed Processes

An interactive module from IRIS, **IEPs: How Administrators Can Support the Development and Implementation of High-Quality IEPs**, is designed specifically with school administrators in mind, this module offers guidance on how to support and facilitate the development and implementation of high-quality IEPs.

DOE DIVISION HIGHLIGHT

DIVISION OF CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

The Division of Career and Technical Education is all about helping students prepare for what comes next. Our work is largely devoted to overseeing career and technical education (CTE) programs in middle and high schools – which can give students experience in fields as diverse as robotics, medicine, culinary, diesel technology, and even marketing. We also manage programs such as dual credit, high school graduation requirements, SDMyLife, career advising and development, and school counseling. Our mission across these areas is to support educators, be it through funding, professional development, or networking, in their roles to serve the students of South Dakota to take those next steps to get to, and after, graduation.

You can find out more about the programs we oversee via our division's homepage at: <https://doe.sd.gov/cte>.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(Click on the titles to go to the registration site)

New Sped Directors Webinars

This series of webinars is directed at new special education directions (0-3 years) is provided as an overview of responsibilities as a special education director. Topics include Leadership and Management, Accountability/RDA, Child Count, Dispute Resolution, State Performance Plan (SPP), and Fiscal/Budget.

3:00pm - 4:30pm CT

- **Webinar 1: CANCELLED**
- **Webinar 2:** October 9th
Accountability/RDA
- **Webinar 3:** November 14th
Child Count
- **Webinar 4:** December 12th
Dispute Resolution
- **Webinar 5:** January 9th
State Performance Plan
- **Webinar 6:** February 6th
Fiscal & Budget Responsibilities

IEP Facilitation and Mediation Training

As educators, engaged in the complex work of teaching and learning, we often find ourselves in challenging and difficult conversations. These conversations may involve colleagues, families we serve, and agencies with whom we collaborate. This training is designed to increase skills to promote effective communication during challenging conversations.

Registration limited to 20 people

Registration fee: \$25
Dates: October 7 & 8th
Location: Red Rossa, Pierre
Time: 8:30am –4pm CT

Systems Change Conference

The conference will be held Oct. 9-11 at Arrowwood Cedar Shore Resort in Oa-coma. A full-day workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 9, will feature Jenni Donohoo and Tommy Thompson presenting the theories and practices related to *Collaborative Leadership*. See attached flyer. This workshop is being co-sponsored by DOE/SASD's South Dakota Principal Leadership Development Program and is designed for principals, superintendents, curriculum directors, and teacher-leaders.

Indian Ed Summit

The 2019 Indian Education Summit is right around the corner. It will be held Sept. 22-24 in Pierre. This year's theme is *Moving Forward Together*.

SAVE THE DATES

MTSS Conference: There will be NO MTSS Conference during the 2020 summer. This conference will be held again during the summer of 2021.

Save the Date: Top 20 Training

July 28-30, 2020 in Chamberlain More details coming soon!

Save the Date: Special Education Conference

March 17-18 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. Call for papers will be sent out in September.

DOE RESOURCES

IRIS Center—Professional Development Options

The IRIS Center is a national center dedicated to improving outcomes for children by providing professional development based on effective evidence-based practices and interventions for students with disabilities.

The IRIS Center offers:

- Online Modules
- Case Studies
- Classroom Activities
- Online resources and Tools

Topics Include:

- Universal Design for Learning
- MTSS/RTI
- Diversity
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Early Intervention/Early Childhood
- Behavior & Classroom Management
- Differential Instruction
- Learning Strategies

The SD DOE will accept IRIS PD certificates toward the continue education credits (CEUs). If you participate in the PD and receive a certificate you can save that and count it towards renewal. One credit is the equivalent of 15 continuing education contact hours.

Click on title to navigate to IRIS Center. See attached handout for more information.